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SUBJECT: FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

1. GOF SPOKESMAN COMITI ANNOUNCED AT END OF COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S MEETING MAY 16 THAT GOF REFUSED ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) COMPETENCE. IN RE ACTIONS BROUGHT BY GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. THIS DECISION BASED ON A FRENCH STATEMENT IN MAY 1966 WHICH ALLOWED GOF TO REFUSE ACCEPTANCE (OTHERWISE OBLIGATORY) ICJ COMPETENCE IN MATTERS CONCERNING FRENCH NATIONAL DEFENSE. GOF DECISION WAS EXPECTED.

2. PRESTIGIOUS PARIS DAILY LE MONDE OF MAY 18, IN LEAD EDITORIAL ENTITLED " THE HAGUE COURT VICTIM OF FRENCH BOMB," STRONGLY CRITICIZED GOF POSITION. LE MONDE STATES THAT GOF JURIDICAL ARGUMENTS BY NO MEANS WEAK AND IT UNFORTUNATE THAT GOF NOT PREPARED MAKE THEM AT ICJ. LE MONDE ALSO CRITICIZES FACT THAT NO COMMUNIQUE HAS FOLLOWED RECENT FRANCO- AUSTRALIAN SCIENTIFIC MEETING AND NOTES AUSTRALIAN NOBEL PRIZE WINNER BURNET DENUNCIATION OF HYSTERICAL CAMPAIGN IN AUSTRALIA AGAINST FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS WHICH ACCORDING BURNET, UNLIKELY TO DO ANY DAMAGE. EDITORIAL GOES ON TO CRITICIZE FRANCE SEVERELY FOR REFUSING TO ACCEPT ICJ JURISDICTION. IT

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NOTES THAT US SENATORS CRANSTON AND TAFT DEPLORED FACT THAT ICJ

" PRACTICALLY MORIBUND" AND HAD DEMANDED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON TAKE
INITIATIVE TO RENDER IT MORE USEFUL. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT
NEITHER THE US NOR FRANCE SEEMS PREPARED GIVE ICJ ITS ORIGINAL
COMPETENCE AND REGRETS THIS.
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